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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/520,262	Applicant(s) LEE ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kitagawa et al (US 2002/0054262).

Kitagawa discloses a flat panel display device comprising: an image display part (LCD) for displaying an image by varying a voltage applied to electrodes (inherent features for LCD device) oppositely formed on inner surfaces of a pair of transparent facing substrate respectively to thereby turn on or off each pixel (inherent features for LCD device); and a protecting part (e.g., 12) disposed on an outer surface of the substrate perceived by user's eye for inherently protecting a surface of the image display part from an external shock or foreign matters.

A liquid crystal display device includes liquid crystal interposed between the pair of transparent facing substrate.

Kitagawa discloses the liquid crystal display device comprising a lower polarizing plate and an upper polarizing plate disposed respectively on a lower surface and an upper surface of the liquid crystal display panel for polarizing light (see at least col. 5, [0059]).

"a glare treatment is carried out" " constitutes a product-by-process limitation. Even though product-by-process claims are limited by and defined by the process, determination of

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patentability is based on the product itself. The patentability of a product does not depend on its method of production.

Kitagawa discloses the liquid crystal display device comprising the use of suitable optical layers such as an antiglare film (see at least col. 5, [0061]).

Kitagawa discloses the flat panel display device comprising a protecting sheet (e.g., 12) adhered/laminated to/on the upper polarizing plate (e.g., 13).

Kitagawa discloses the flat panel display device comprising a phase compensating member (see at least col. 5, [0055]-[0057]) for inherently enhancing viewing angle or preventing light leakage at an edge portion of the liquid crystal display panel.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

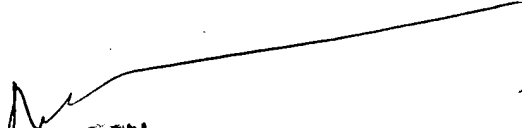
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Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2303.

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